

Demand for Soda Ash

1298. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding the extent of demand for soda ash in the country at present; and

(b) what arrangements have been made by Government to meet it from indigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R. C. RATH): (a) The demand of soda ash for 1982-83, as estimated by the Working Group on Inorganic Chemicals, is 7.30 lakh tonnes.

(b) Besides the existing installed capacity of 6.95 lakh tonnes, an additional capacity of 11.06 lakh tonnes has been approved. Once the approved capacities are implemented, the country is expected to be surplus in Soda ash.

Assistance sought by States for enforcement of provision of minimum wages Act

1299. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States have sought financial assistance from the Centre on a 50-50 basis to strengthen the enforcement machinery

for implementing the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b). There has been a demand from some States/Administrations for making available central assistance on a matching basis for strengthening the enforcement machinery in their States. However, the proposal for a central scheme was not earlier approved by the Planning Commission.

District headquarters with automatic exchanges

1300. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the District Headquarters, State-wise, where Automatic Exchanges have been installed during the past three years including the current financial year;

(b) the names of the remaining Districts which are still without this facility, State-wise; and

(c) the likely date by which this would be done in case of each District Headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The information is given in Statement-I.

(b) and (c). The required information is given in statement-II.

Statement—I

Manual Exchange at District Headquarters automatized during the past 3 years.

Year	Name of Exchange/State
1980-81	1. Bilaspur (Madhya Pradesh)
	2. Ropar (Punjab)
	3. Faridkot (Punjab)

1981-82	4. Ahmednagar	(Maharashtra)
	5. Pondicherry	(Union Territory-Tamil Nadu)
	6. Nellore	(Andhra)
1982-83 Till Sep. 82	7. Nagaur	(Rajasthan)
	8. Durg	(Madhya Pradesh);
	9. Sholapur	(Maharashtra)
	10. Mathura	(Uttar Pradesh)
	11. Nainital	(Uttar Pradesh)

Statement—II

S. No.	Telecom. Circle/State	Tentative allotment	Likely automation
1	2	3	4
<i>ANDHRA/Andhra</i>			
1.	Eluru	83-84	85-86
2.	Kurnool	82-83	83-84
3.	Nizamabad	82-83	84-85
4.	Sangareddy	81-82	82-83
<i>BIHAR/Bihar</i>			
5.	Aurangabad	84-85	85-86
6.	Begusarai	83-84	85-86
7.	Bettiah	81-82	83-84
8.	Bhagalpur	82-83	84-85
9.	Bihar Shariff	83-84	85-86
10.	Dumka	84-85	85-86
11.	Gaya	83-84	84-85
12.	Cliridih	81-82	83-84
13.	Hajipur	84-85	85-86
14.	Chopalganj	84-85	85-86
15.	Madhubani	84-85	85-86
16.	Madwah	84-85	85-86
17.	Purnea-Gulab Bagh	84-85	85-86
18.	Maharsa	81-82	83-84

1	2	3	4
19.	Sitamarhi	81-82	83-84
20.	Siwan	81-82	83-84
21.	Madhepura	83-84	85-86
22.	Khagria	83-84	85-86
<i>GUJARAT Gujarat</i>			
23.	Ahwa	84-85	85-86
24.	Broach	83-84	85-86
25.	Kaira	81-82	83-84
26.	Himmatnagar	83-84	85-86
27.	Surendernagar	82-83	84-85
28.	Nauj	83-84	85-86
29.	Junagadh	82-83	84-85
<i>J & K J & K</i>			
30.	Leh	81-82	83-84
31.	Kupwara	83-84	85-86
32.	Kathua	84-85	85-86
33.	Kargil	83-84	84-85
34.	Pulwama	82-83	84-85
35.	Rajouri	82-83	84-85
<i>KARNATAKA Karnataka</i>			
36.	Bijapur	83-84	85-86
37.	Gulbargh	83-84	84-85
38.	Kolar	82-83	84-85
39.	Mandya	83-84	85-86
<i>KERALA Kerala</i>			
40.	Kalpetta	83-84	85-86
<i>MADHYA PRADESH M.P.</i>			
41.	Balaghat	84-85	85-86
42.	Betul	84-85	85-86
43.	Bhind	84-85	85-86
44.	Chhattarpur	Rediver- sion	84-85
45.	Dhar	84-85	85-86
46.	Datia	84-85	85-86

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47.	Guna	84-85	85-86
48.	Jhabua	84-85	85-86
49.	Khargone	84-85	85-86
50.	Mandla	84-85	85-86
51.	Narsinghpur	80-81	83-84
52.	Panna	84-85	85-86
53.	Ratlam	83-84	85-86
54.	Rajgarh	83-84	85-86
55.	Raisen	84-85	85-86
56.	Shahdol	81-82	83-84
57.	Shivpuri	84-85	85-86
58.	Sidhi	84-85	85-86
59.	Shajapur	84-85	85-86
60.	Ambikapur	84-85	85-86
61.	Tikamgarh	84-85	85-86

MAHARASHTRA/Maharashtra

62.	Alibag	79-79/ 81-82	83-84
63.	Akola	80-81	82-83
64.	Buldana	81-82	83-84
65.	Dhulia	83-84	85-86
66.	Parbhani	81-82	83-84

NORTH EASTERN TELECOM CIRCLE/Assam

67.	Dibrugarh	83-84	84-85
68.	Halfong	81-82	83-84
69.	Jorhat	83-84	84-85
70.	North Lakhimpur	81-82	83-84
71.	Nowgong	83-84	85-86
72.	Silchar	83-84	84-85
73.	Tejpur	83-84	85-86

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74.	Khonsa	83-84	85-86
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Manipur

75.	Imphal	81-82	1984
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<i>Meghalaya</i>			
76.	Jowai	79-80	84-85
77.	Tura Upto	81-82	83-84
78.	William Nagar	83-84	85-86
<i>Nagaland</i>			
79.	Mokokchung Upto	74-75	84-85
80.	Zumebhote	83-84	85-86
81.	Tuensang	73-74	84-85
<i>TRIPURA</i>			
82.	Agartala	80-81	1983
83.	Kailashnagar	81-82	83-84
84.	Radhakishorpur	81-82	83-84
<i>NORTH WESTERN CIRCLE Haryana</i>			
85.	Kurukshetra	recovered	84-85
86.	Narnaul	83-84	85-86
<i>HIMACHAL PRADESH</i>			
87.	Solan	81-82	83-84
88.	Nahan	84-85	85-86
89.	Chamba	84-85	85-86
90.	Hamirpur	84-85	85-86
91.	Una	84-85	85-86
92.	Bilaspur	84-85	85-86
93.	Kulu	84-85	85-86
<i>Orissa State</i>			
94.	Balasore	81-82	83-84
95.	Bolangir	81-82	83-84
96.	Dhenkanal	84-85	85-86
97.	Chhatrapur	84-85	85-86
98.	Keonjhar	84-85	85-86
99.	Koraput	84-85	85-86
100.	Baripada	84-85	85-86
101.	Bhulbani	84-85	85-86
102.	Puri	81-82	83-84
103.	Sambalpur	82-83	84-85
104.	Sundergarh	84-85	85-86

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135.	Pauri	84-85	85-86
136.	Pithoragarh	85-85	85-86
137.	Sultanpur	84-85	85-86
138.	Uttarkashi	81-82	83-84
139.	Pratapgarh	81-82	83-84

West Bengal State

140.	Bankura	82-83	84-85
141.	Berhampur	83-84	85-86
142.	Chinsurah	80-81	82-83
143.	Jalpaiguri	83-84	85-86
144.	Suri	1980	82-83

Calcutta Telephone System

1301. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Telephone System is in Shambles; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to Calcutta Telephone System is in Shambles; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Various steps are taken continuously to improve the quality of services, which also include:

1. Replacement of overhead wires by insulated drop wires.

2. Use of jelly filled cables in the distribution net work to prevent ingress of moisture.

3. Pressurisation of primary, junction and secondary cables with dry air to know the damages immediately they are caused.

4. Laying to cables through PVC ducts to prevent damage.

5. Daily testing of important telephones working for public utility organisations, hospitals, news agencies etc.

Purchase of Jackup Rigs

1302. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL:
SHRI NAVIN RAVANI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to purchase more Jack-up rigs for the exploration of oil in offshore;

(b) if so, from which country and the cost of these Jack-up rigs;

(c) the area where they will be used for exploration; and

(d) what is the present strength of such rigs and where they are functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The ONGC are acquiring two more jack-ups for meeting their requirements for work-over and development drilling operations. In addition, the ONGC are also making